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Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, line 2 of the amended specification please amend as follows:

The present application is a ~~continuation~~ divisional application of Application No. US 09/889,802, filed September 17, 2001, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE00/00244, filed January 29, 2000, and claims priority to DE19903713.2, filed January 30, 1999 and DE19956568.6, filed November 24, 1999. The contents of all these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

At page 1, line 4, of the amended specification please make the following amendment:

The present invention is in the field of inhibition of gene expression using double stranded ~~oligonucleotides~~ oligoribonucleotides.

At page 1, line 10 of the amended specification, please make the following amendment:

Methods of inhibiting gene expression using double stranded ~~oligonucleotides~~ oligoribonucleotides have recently been described.